

Martin Madsen's Record Verified

In a previous issue of the Record Martin Madsen's wonderful trapping ability was commented on and it is not surprising that county officials in Utah and Nevada should be astounded at the success he has achieved. The Salt Lake Tribune gives details of his catch as follows:

"Joseph Ririe, state auditor, has learned that, whereas he has questioned the ability of Martin Madsen of western Beaver county to trap in sixty days 353 coyotes and fifty-three bobcats, this, as a matter of fact, represents only one-half the catch made by that hunter. Because the location of his hunting ground is so near the Utah-Nevada line, Mr. Madsen only presents one-half of his catch for bounty under the Utah law. The other half is sent to Nevada authorities for similar claims."

"When the claim came in a few days ago Mr. Ririe started an investigation. He wrote to R. H. Winder, a stockman of that region, who lives in Salt Lake county, and received the following reply: 'In reply to your inquiry regarding Martin Madsen's ability to trap that number of coyotes: That is only half the number of hides he brought in, all of his own trapping. He sold over 600 skins last year. This year he used an automobile and 1,000 traps. We pay him a bounty, so we want to know whether he traps them, or someone else. Our ranch is close to the Nevada line. A part of the hides he bounties in Nevada. Will say he spends more time in Utah than in Nevada. Our company is the Murray Sheep Company.'

"Claims for bounty under the law are required to be presented within sixty days after the animal is killed. Mr. Madsen received \$1,571 from the state of Utah as bounty on one-half of his catch, according to this letter. But that is only a small part of the sixty days' revenue he made. There was the Nevada bounty on the other half of the catch. In addition there was the bounty paid by the stockmen of the district. Coyotes, on which the Utah law pays a bounty of \$4 a head, are worth for fur \$17 to \$20 for the best skins. An average catch in the early winter, which is about the best season for fur, should run around \$15, according to estimates of officers at the capitol. The average revenue to Madsen for each coyote, therefore for fur, local and state bounties, should run to about \$30, and if one-half of the catch came from Utah, the revenue from the 704 coyotes trapped would run above \$14,000. In addition, bobcat furs are worth about \$3 each, which, with the Utah bounty of \$3, the Nevada bounty on the fifty-three and the local bounty, should at least pay gasoline and other expenses and leave the \$14,000 as clear profit."

Let Contract at Atlanta Gold Mine Elmer H. Bray, principal owner and general manager of the Atlanta Home Gold Mining Company, returned from the mine last Friday evening, leaving for Los Angeles the following day.

While here Manager Bray let a contract to Henry Gunderson to advance the No. 6 crosscut on the 300-foot level of the Atlanta mine, which work is now being started. The contract calls for fifty feet and should the results obtained warrant further work will be done.

Social Dance at Thompson Opera House That the regular social dances given by Manager C. A. Thompson at Thompson's opera house are welcomed by the younger social set was evidenced by the jolly crowd in attendance last Saturday night, dancing being kept up until a late hour. Among the many visitors from outside points were Mrs. D. R. Hartman, J. P. Jackson of the Prince and Rev. Percival S. Smith.

Mumorous Lapses.

Not every commencement speaker has said precisely what he wished to say to the young people before him. One was tripped by a most unhappy lapse of tongue at a young ladies' semiary.

He meant to say: "But I have talked too long, and I do not wish to speak to weary benches." Instead of which he said "beery benches." Thereby reminding us of Tutor Spooner of Oxford, who thus addressed a meeting of farmers: "It is gratifying to me to behold so many tons of soil."

But a university lecturer lately matched these infelicities when he said: "I'm not going to talk very long, but if you get what I'm going to say in your heads you'll have the whole thing in a nutshell."

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For centuries the basket maker has been a picturesque sight in old Naples where the trade runs in the same family for generations. The basket maker is omnipresent, either plaiting or selling his wares in every direction, for in no other city under the sun are they used for so many purposes, from cradles for babies to fish receptacles, and a covering for wine bottles. The artist splits his wicker deftly with a long-bladed knife and proceeds to weave watertight baskets by hand, as only his strong fingers can fashion them. Not one, but many a day are his "stint" and when they are mounded about him at nightfall, he gives a sigh of satisfaction and loads his cart for the morning. Or possibly it is his own back which must be bent to the burden. If so, he appears like an animated basket-rack as he sallies forth to the tune of "Santa Lucia." Later, one can easily imagine that there is a ventriloquist hidden away in the depths of the baskets, calling his wares.

By day and by night he lives in close proximity with his goat, cow and horse if he is rich enough to possess these domestic animals, sleeping in the same room with them utterly oblivious to discomfort or anything out of the ordinary. More than one tourist has told us of a common sight, that of seeing a horse ascend a flight of stairs, ahead of his master, at the end of a hard day of peddling. And if not a horse, a mule, the sonorous braying of which does not disturb the slumber he has won for he knows no eight-hour day.

QUEEN GETS MARVELOUS VEIL

Belgian Lace Experts Worked on Piece Four Years—Designed by Artists.

The Queen of the Belgians has received from the lace and embroidery works of Belgium Flanders a marvelous veil. Surrounded by all the misfortune and misery of war these loyal subjects have toiled in secret for four long years to produce a unique piece which they offer in homage to their queen.

Such is their devotion to their sovereign.

A French publication describes the veil—designed by the most famous of Belgian artists and executed by the most expert workmen, perfect in every detail of mesh and motif.

Twelve thousand hours were required in workmanship, for the veil contains not less than 12,000,000 points. It displays the almost unknown art of light and shade, a difficult effect and one of rare beauty. It solves for the first time, perhaps, the question of perspective. The entire piece weighs but four and one-half ounces.

In the center of the veil are the Belgian arms, and in the four corners of the central panel the arms of the cities of Ypres, Nieuport, Poperinghe and Furnes. The four side panels represent the industries of weaving, fishing, hop picking and dairying.

Frost Discussed in Bulletin.

Discussions of the formation and seasons of frost and how growing plants may be protected from it, are contained in the department of agriculture's Farmers' Bulletin No. 104, "Notes on Frost," which may be obtained by application to the department. The weather bureau is preparing a more up-to-date publication on the subject of frosts, and expects to have it ready for distribution soon, but in the meantime farmers and others may benefit by reading the old bulletin, which treats the technical theme in a popular manner.

Madrid to Have Subway.

A few weeks hence there will be a subway in Spain, and subway trains running under the streets of Madrid. Then the people of Madrid will have their first opportunity, to travel underground the Rio del Solo to Cuatro Caminos, the first half of the line being constructed more than sixty feet below the street level. Madrid itself is rapidly modernizing, reports say. New thoroughfares are being constructed; new office buildings going up; and the new subway is but the beginning of a metropolitan system in a city of crowded streets.

Creek Forest Enlarged.

The president has signed a proclamation adding 29,440 acres to the Crook national forest, Arizona. The lands added are located in the Winchester mountains and southwest of the Galluro division of the Crook forest. They are rough and broken in character and are not suitable for agricultural purposes. Practically the entire tract is covered with a stand of oak, juniper, and cedar timber of fair quality. Considerable of the area along Pine canyon is covered with a good stand of western yellow pine.

Arkansas Diamonds.

Arkansas has several diamond mines that have turned out about 5,000 diamonds valued at about \$20,000. The geological formation in which the gems are found is called peridotite and is akin to the famous South African kimberlite. It occurs in chimneys like those of South America. The Arkansas mines have been neglected during the war. With diamonds increasing in price and popularity, it is said, the mine owners are making plans to work their properties in a more systematic way.

Commercial Club Meets Wednesday

A special meeting of the Pioche Commercial Club has been called for next Wednesday, January 21, at the Commercial Club building, corner of Main and Lacour streets.

The principal matter to come up for discussion is the proposed purchase of the Miners' union hall, as outlined at the meeting held January 7. The election of officers for the ensuing term will also take place.

The Right Rev. George C. Hunting, has signified his approval of the proposed purchase, as has Rev. Percival S. Smith, and it is expected that a definite decision will be arrived at at the meeting. The following telegram which passed between Right Rev. George C. Hunting, bishop of the diocese, and Rev. Percival S. Smith will make clear any possible misunderstanding that might exist in the matter:

Pioche, January 10, 1920.—To Right Rev. George C. Hunting, Reno, Nev.: Representative townspeople voted to buy Miners' Union hall, which we now own, providing their committee reports that the Sunday School building can be repaired and the money raised to do so and we be given a ten-year or longer lease on it. Kindly wire approval today. Letter following.

"REV. PERCIVAL S. SMITH:—To Rev. Percival S. Smith, Pioche, Nev.: I agree on following conditions: That you and church people are satisfied and that we can always use Miners' Union hall without charge for church entertainments and that this will be in deed I give; also that we have lease for ten years or more at \$1 a year on Sunday School building and that no papers pass until all necessary repairs are made.

"RT. REV. GEORGE HUNTING."

LINCOLN COUNTY TEACHERS ATTEND INSTITUTE AT VEGAS

The following Lincoln county teachers attended the institute at Las Vegas last week:

Alamo—Emma Richards, M. Brown, Aretta Allen.

Calliente—Anna Rickerich, Margaret A. Lytle, Irma Weiser, Geneva Bean, Mrs. W. Phillips.

Carp—Pearl J. Huston.

Elgin—Etta M. Mariger, Ethel Hardy.

Panaca—Amy Briley, Dora C. Wadsworth, Bessie E. Tracy, Mina Connell, H. A. Whitteck, Erastus A. Hansen, Karl Banks, Evelyn LaKamp, Stanley Johnson.

Pioche—Winnie M. Thomas, Gladys Pannier, Effa Francis, Laura Stephan, J. Marjorie Cross.

Ursine—Millicent Bemesh.

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Dated: February 3, 1919.

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MAPLES FOR VIMY RIDGE

Canadians Begin Planting of What is to Be Memorial Forest on Battlefield.

An overseas dispatch says 200 young maples have been planted on the desert of what was Vimy Ridge. This is the beginning of the proposed Canadian memorial forest—the maple is Canada's emblematic tree—and the saplings just placed are declared to be the only living trees in the war zone today.

How the landscape has been changed and how the reconstructed one will differ from that before the war! Most Americans think of Holland, Belgium, Flanders as painted by Van Goyen, Ruysdael, Rembrandt and others. Instinctively the mental picture follows Hobbema's "Avenue of Middleharnis," with spindling, thin-shanked, wispy-topped and scant-on-shade trees either side the road. What a different aspect maples would give the scene, or oaks, or elms or other wide-spreading varieties. The European, like the oriental, seems to have chosen his favorite trees on some other basis than expansive foliage—the cedar, the cypress, the palm, the stonepine, the poplar of Lombardy; yet the inspiration for Gothic cathedrals came from the solemn groves of archlike trunks and limbs and foliage, and wherever two elms meet there is the suggestion right at hand.

Many years must elapse before the war-torn regions are again venerable with trees, and by that time a new school of landscape painting may have come, glad to paint full, rounded trees like the American, Inness; or, reversing the Inness method, of leaving a circular opening through his trees to reveal the scene beyond, this future school may feature the transplanted maple's rounded "arena" in the foreground while displaying the European background on either side.

BANANAS MAKE BERLIN GLAD

After Five Years' Absence, This Native of the Tropics is Real Symbol of Peace.

As I was passing down the Friedrichstrasse, says a correspondent of the London Times, writing from Berlin, my eye was caught by a crowd of people which suddenly collected in front of a delicatessen shop.

It was only with difficulty that one could get near enough to see what it was that attracted so much attention. I heard exclamations of wonder and admiration, and on looking a little more closely saw—a bunch of bananas which the shopkeeper had just hung up in the window and which was a novelty to the Berliners, who for nearly five years have seen not a trace of this fruit, once so plentiful and cheap in the capital.

The smiling faces and little jokes made it quite evident that the banana was recognized as a symbol of peace, and that the delight felt at its presence was due to the evidence it afforded that the blockade is a thing of the past.

Some Airplane Gas is Pink.

There is a difference between automobile gasoline and airplane gasoline. For aircraft the gas must be lighter and more volatile, that is, evaporate more readily, than ordinary gas. This causes it to work better at great altitudes. There are three grades of gasoline for our airplanes, one for training planes, a better grade of gasoline for bombing planes and the very best grade for the fighting planes. "Fighting gas," as it is called, is colored pink. This is to distinguish it from other grades so that inexperienced men working at the aviation fields will not use this valuable gasoline for other purposes. This pink gas is as pure as it can be produced, refined and doubly refined and strained or filtered until there are no impurities left in it.—American Boy.

Holding Down a Profession.

A young fellow living in one of Indiana's small towns was graduated from the high school and looked about for some easy, yet lucrative profession. He finally decided to study medicine, and settled down in the office of the town's most popular doctor for a summer's reading. As he read he watched this busy man's hours of work.

One day in the late summer the doctor came in out of a dreaching rain, tired out, and a trifle cross. Glancing at the immaculate young fellow, whose heels were resting on the office desk, he asked brusquely:

"Still think you want to be a doctor?"

"Yes," came the languid answer, "but I've decided to practice only on fair days, and not go out of nights."—Indianapolis News.

Fishermen Had Good Day.

Three South Portland (Me.) fishermen, Dr. George W. C. Studley, Percy York and Captain William York, were out after groundfish when they sighted a swordfish. They had no swordfish fishing outfit, but with a stove poker and a bathhook handle they improvised a harpoon, with which they landed the big fellow. In Portland they sold the swordfish for \$90, and the groundfish they had caught—about 1,000 pounds—for \$60.

Misdirected Wifely Solicitude.

Mrs. Flatbush—Are you wearing those pretty suspenders, with flowers all over 'em, I gave you for your birthday, Henry?

Mr. Flatbush—No, dear; I was afraid the nail I'm using in place of a button would rust 'em.

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